

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

*TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISION*

MEMORANDUM

<b>GENERAL SUBJECT:</b> Traffic Signs		<b>NUMBER:</b> TE-287
<b>SPECIFIC SUBJECT:</b> "Headlights On When Using Wipers" Signing		<b>DATE:</b> June 22, 1998
		<b>SUPERSEDES:</b>
<b>DIRECTED TO:</b> District Administrators	<b>SIGNATURE:</b> <i>J. L. Butner</i>	

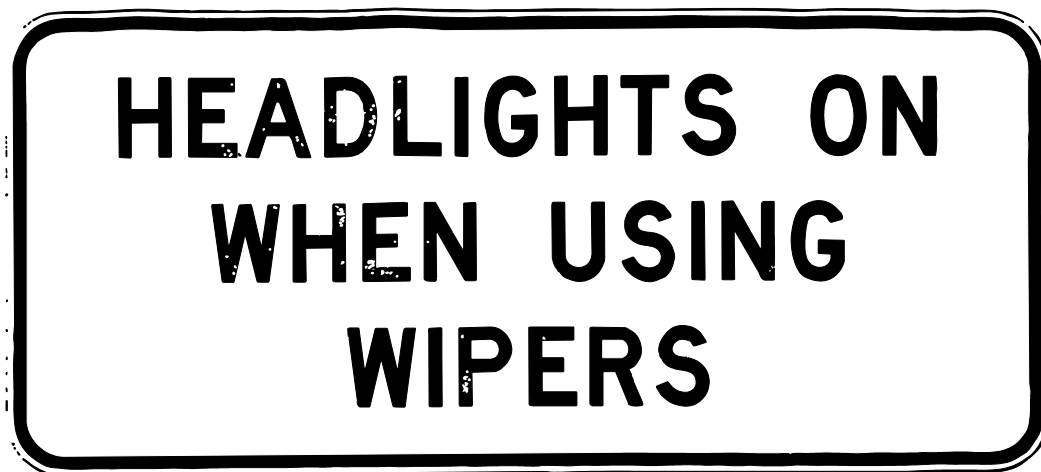
The 1997 General Assembly enacted legislation through Section 46.2-1030 of the Code of Virginia that requires motorists to have the vehicle's headlights on when using the windshield wipers except in those instances when the wipers are used intermittently. The Department has decided to install signs- notifying motorists of this requirement on interstate and other major routes at or near the State boundary facing traffic entering Virginia.

The designs for this sign are attached and installation shall be accomplished by September 1, 1998.

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Attachment

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This sign is intended for use to inform motorists that headlights are to be on when using windshield wipers as prescribed by Section 46.2-1030 of the Code of Virginia. It shall be erected on the interstate and other major routes at or near the State boundary facing traffic entering Virginia. Sign A shall be erected on primary and secondary highways and Sign B shall be erected on interstate highways.

SHAPE		Horizontal Rectangle	
COLOR	Message and Border:	Black (Non-reflectorized)	
	Field:	White (Reflectorized)	
SIZE	Height	A	B
	Width	42"	48"
MESSAGE	Line 1	Capitals: 6" C	8" C
	Line 2	Capitals: 6" C	8" C
	Line 2	Capitals: 6" C	8" C
	Line 3	Capitals: 6" C	8" C
MARGIN WIDTH		3/4"	3/4"
BORDER WIDTH		1 1/4"	1 1/4"
CORNER RADIUS		3"	6"

Note 1: Horizontal spacing between letters on Line I for Sign A only shall be accomplished at 70% of the normal spacing

Note 2: Vertical spacing between the lines of text and the border is 5 1/2" for Sign A and 5" for Sign B. Vertical spacing between lines of text is 4 1/2" for Sign a and 5" for Sign B.